Sub: Additional guidelines in respect of booking of wild animals and birds.

REF: This office Letter no. TC-II/2080/12/Livestock dated 07.02.2013, 14.03.2013 & 02.04.2013, instructions dated 21-06-1998 to 02. 11.1998, 08.02.2000, 19-12-2000 and 2-3-2001 and other related instructions issued from time to time for transportation of animals by rail.

In addition to guidelines issued vide letters/instructions referred above and issued from time to time, Ministry of Railways desire that the following should also be ensured before accepting any consignment of wild animals and birds (whether wild or otherwise) as per rule for transportation by rail:

(i) No consignment of birds (whether wild or otherwise) or any wild animals including rabbit should be accepted unless the consigner and consignee furnish a joint statement duly signed by them and containing an elaborate and accurate description of each bird (whether wild or otherwise) and wild animals.

(ii) Besides other necessary documents required, no consignment of birds (whether wild or otherwise) or any wild animals including rabbits should be accepted unless a certificate issued from the authorized officer i.e. Chief Wildlife Wardens or District Animal Husbandry officers, or as per designated Officer/office of the concerned state furnished vide this office letter no. TC-II/2080/12/Livestock dated 02.04.2013, is submitted.

(iii) The consigner of such birds (Wild or otherwise) and wild animals including rabbits will present all the relevant documents as mentioned in (ii) above to the Assistant Commercial Manager of the concerned division for scrutiny/authorization. The Assistant Commercial Manager will ensure correctness and authenticity of documents as specified in (i) & (ii) above and only then issue authorization to the Chief Parcel Officer/Chief Goods clerk for acceptance of such consignment for booking.

(iv) No consignment of birds (whether Wild or otherwise) or any wild animals including rabbits will be accepted for booking by any Parcel Officer or Goods shed unless clear authorization is received from the Assistant Commercial Manager of the concerned Division.

(v) Each case of such booking authorized by Assistant Commercial Manager will be serially documented and records in respect thereof maintained by the office of Assistant Commercial Manager as also the Chief Parcel Clerk/Chief Goods Clerk of the Parcel Office/Goods Shed.
(vi) The Mandatory conditions for receiving, forwarding, carrying or delivering for carriage of birds (whether wild or otherwise) and wild animals including rabbits should be pasted and published at all Railway stations and other places where consignments are received for carriage.

(vii) The above will not apply for pet animals accompanied by their owners on train.

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